

As a believer in democracy, free speech, free press, and responsible journalism, I am writing with concerns about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I believe in a pluralistic society where fair and balanced information is shared. Sinclair Broadcasting decision is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is in our public interest to view programs with balanced opinions.

Sinclair's actions show why media ownership rules should be strengthened. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.